



MINUTES

**Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.
10th Floor Conference Room, City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Jody Washington, Chair
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar, Vice Chair-absent
Councilmember Carol Wood, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Eric Brewer, Council Internal Auditor
Jim Smiertka, City Attorney – arrived at 4:31 p.m.
Brandon Waddell, Assistant City Attorney- arrived at 4:31p.m.
Brett Kaschinske, Parks Director

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2017 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment.

Discussion/Action

Mr. Kaschinske explained to the Committee that the DNR requires three separate grant applications even though they are all for canoe/kayak launches. Two of the grants are for the same amount however the one at the City Market location is higher because it will also have an extension for boat docking. In regards to the City match funds they require a minimum of 25%, however the City has decided to go with a 30% match because at 30% they get more points towards hopefully the success of winning the grant. With a match, there has never been a County wide grant program, which offers the potential of the match funds to go down. If that does not happen, they do have the match funds in the millage funding. Part of the Park Master Plan and under the goals is for access to rivers and waterways. The Park Board did pass the

grants with a 7-0 vote. Mr. Kaschinske did point out to the Committee that there are three (3) launches already, one at Crego in the pond area, one in Tecumseh, and one at the joining rivers at Cherry hill Park. These proposed launches will go below the dam at Moores Park, at the City Market current launch area, and at the Crego Kruger Lansing east of Potter Park Zoo.

Council Member Washington asked if the Parks Department had ever done a survey to determine how often the current launches get used. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed that rentals are increasing, and the 5-Year Parks survey did recognize the increased interest.

Council Member Wood asked if the grade of the land is ADA also, and Mr. Kaschinske confirmed. Council Member Wood asked what the plans were for the maintenance of the launches and putting funds in a future maintenance account. Mr. Kaschinske stated they have had success with installations and have worked with the manufactures on designs. There is a maintenance budget within their CIP for City wide repairs and maintenance. Council Member Wood asked Mr. Kaschinske to consider a maintenance plan and if the funds were not being used then carry forward. Ms. Kaschinske acknowledged he would look into setting up a maintenance fund.

Council Member Wood asked what the construction timeline would be. Mr. Kaschinske stated that the Legislature will vote on a the Senate Bill for the Boat Club property acquisition, and once that process is completed in the later part of 2017, then after 2018 approval, they will plan to have the boat launches installed by fall 2018. Once they receive the award they will get 2 years to complete project. Council Member Washington asked if they have applied for grants before and not gotten, and Mr. Kaschinske stated they had not for these types of projects, but in the case of bathrooms or development projects, they have run into issues if there was not a trail attached to those types of projects.

Mr. Brewer had no comments.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; MNRTF Grant; Canoe/Kayak Launch - Riverfront/City Market

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MNRTF GRANT FOR RIVERFRONT/CITY MARKET CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH FOR MARCH 27TH. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; MNRTF Grant; Canoe/Kayak Launch - Moores Park

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MNRTF GRANT FOR MOORES PARK CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Set Public Hearing; MNRTF Grant; Canoe/Kayak – Crego Park Kruger Landing

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE MNRTF GRANT FOR CREGO PARK KRUGER LANDING BOAT LAUNCH. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Wood asked why such a late submission in relation to the deadlines. Mr. Kaschinske confirmed they were working on other projects, however those projects did not come together. Also, the majority of funding them usually see is for trails, so this would be the opportunity to approach and acquire a new type of grant.

The Committee briefly discussed other projects in the works.

ADJOURN

Adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

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Approved by the Committee on March 27, 2017